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Letter To The Editor

One of America's more unique organizations is the Civil Air Patrol (CAP), which is represented in this area by the **Lynchburg Composite Squadron** and the **New London Senior Squadron.** Civil Air Patrol is a non-profit, benevolent corporation devoted to humanitarian activities. It is also (by law) a volunteer auxiliary of the U. S. Air Force, but it is not a military organization itself nor an agency of the federal government.

Several things make CAP unique. One of these is the fact, despite the public service it performs, it is almost entirely self-supporting. Most of its operating funds comes from dues paid by its members.

Another item is, it is aviation oriented and has become famous for its aerial search and rescue missions. On these missions Civil Air Patrol uses their corporate light aircraft or those belonging to its members. Each year, Civil Air Patrol flies approximately three out of every four hours expended on air search and rescue missions directed by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center.

Civil Air Patrol, now celebrating its 38th anniversary, was founded Dec. 1, 1941, to provide general aviation enthusiasts a means to volunteer their time and their own light aircraft in the nations defense efforts. The founders were well aware of America's shortcomings in air power in that day, as compared to the combatants then engaged in war in Europe.

During World War II, Civil Air Patrol became famous for its costal patrol in which these civilian volunteers used their own light aircraft to help spot enemy submarines along the Atlantic and Gulf Coasts.

They also performed a variety of other civilian defense tasks during the war. They set such an admirable record that, in 1946, Congress chartered Civil Air Patrol as a volunteer, non-profit organization.

Since that time, Civil Air Patrol has been devoted to air search and rescue and other emergency service activities during local or national disasters; to a program of aerospace education, seeking to promote America's supremacy in aviation and the aerospace sciences; and to a cadet program through which it seeks to train young Americans in the principles of leadership and to motivate them to careers in aviation or the space sciences.

As Civil Air Patrol observes the 38th anniversary of its founding in the bleak days of World War II, lets all join in by paying tribute to the Civil Air Patrol and to the local members of the **Lynchburg Composite Squadron** and the **New London Senior Squadron** of the Civil Air Patrol, who stand ready to help their fellow Americans in need.

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Four Generations Get Together

Four generations of the Chernault family were together for Thanksgiving, along with other family members, and took time out to pose for the above photo. Shown are Brandy Michele Nichols, the daughter of Kathy McMinn Nichols and granddaughter of Mrs. Ethel Chernault McMinn, all of Lynchburg, and the great-granddaughter of Mrs. Janie Chernault of Route 3, Appomattox.

Brandy was born on August 20th at Virginia Baptist Hospital and weighed only two pounds and eleven ounces at birth.

The Pastor Speaks

The Bible And Daily Living

By Dr. William L. Trimyer

Jesus Christ Super Star!
Lesson for December 2, 1979
Scripture Reference:
Colossians 1
Focal Passage: Col. 1:9-20
A Prayer For Wisdom

Wisdom was a much sought after commodity in the first century. The Apostle Paul wrote to the Colossian Christians to urge them on in their new faith in Christ. These early Christians emerged from a background of false teachings and philosophical speculation. These early Christains were being duped by strange teachings which encouragd them to rise above the world and practice asceticism - separation from the world.

Paul urges these Christians to seek spiritual understanding. Christ was to be seen above the other "elemental spirits" and authorities. All other powers or spirits held little or no existential reality for Paul. For Paul, these "powers" had been put to shame as a result of the resurrection and work of the cross.

Paul prays a prayer that includes three big pluses for Christian living, namely, effective moral action, a willingness to stand firm, and a spirit of celebration and thankfulness to God.

Paul's gospel is bascially a "salvation of joy." The Christian has a deep sense of joy because of what God has done, is doing, and is continuing to do. Thus, Paul calls for a spirit of gratitude. And gratitude will change your attitude.

Many people see life as a drag instead of God's gift from God to be celebrated. Many do not see in Christ the way of freedom and joy of living life, both abundant and eternal.

Christ Above All

In Colossians 1:15-17 Paul again confronts the false claims and teachings of those who were trying to take away from Christ his rightful authority. Paul believed Christ to be the Divine Agent of the original creation (Read John 1:1-3) and of its ultimate unity under the rule of God. Thus, Christ is the "Great Reconciler" who will ultimately claim the victory over evil and set all people and things in subjection to him.

The image of Christ as the "Divine Agent" conjures up the element of hope for a hopeless generation. The idea that God can bring about light from darkness, peace from chaos, life from death, has to be the most astounding word of hope to all of creation! We are not destined to go it alone for ever, but God has promised us in Christ that we shall see victory and "taste" the joy of a well-fought pilgrimage.

Responding To The Supreme Christ

Care must be taken in our descriptions of Christ lest we place him so far out of reach that he no longer appeals to us. Although Christ is supreme and deserves our worship and praises, he is also a fellow struggler with us in our earthly pilgrimage.

Christ is not some remote star in a far away galaxy looking down with pity on we who struggle on this pinhead planet. Christ is intimately involved with the humaneness of our condition, for he, too, was once an earthly pilgrim who faced the struggles of grief and pain. Nothing is more comforting than the knowledge that Christ is eternally present with us.

Present? How is he present? He stands beside our sickbeds; he stands beside us as we gaze on the faces of those who have died; he sits with us when we are down and out; he feels with us when we hurt physically and emotionally. We may ask, "If he is that close, why doesn't he rescue us and give us the solutions to our problems? Christ never promised that he would rescue us from troubles; he only promised to be with us. And sometimes that means simply sitting with us as we search for an answer.

Jesus was and continues to be the greatest peacemaker ever known. He endured the violence of a bloodthirsty mob to bring reconciliation to the world. In the cross event we see God going the limits to bring the world to himself. Thus, Jesus became and remains as the Savior of those who have faith.

We begin this Sunday as the first Sunday of Advent. The term Advent means "anticipation". In this season, Christians joyfully recall the coming of Christ on that first Christmas, and look for his coming again to set all things right. Many Churches will symbolize this season with the lighting of the Advent Wreath.

Dr. Trimyer is pastor of Elon Baptist Church in Pamplin, Va.

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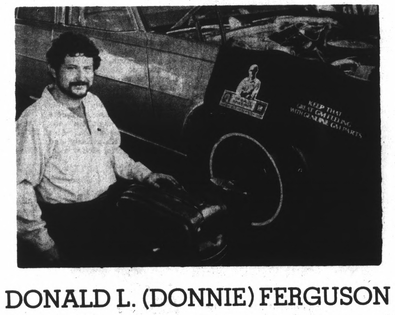

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Camp 71 And Grove 6073 Woodman Of the World Held Awards Night Monday

Camp 71 and Grove 6073 Woodman of the World held their annual Awards Night at the Woodman of the World Building on Monday night of this week. National Director, Harry G. Lawson presented a power-saw to Hugh Mitchell, Chief of the Appomattox County Five Department.

Grove President Margie Rider presented a "ten ton spread jack" to Wayne Aidie of the Concord Rescue Squad.

Jurisdictional Escort R. B. Moore presented the "Mr. Woodman" award to Camp 71 President, Cecil W. Deaner.

Grove President Margie Rider is shown presenting a "Smoke Ejector Fan" to Ernest "Bill" Talbert of the Toga Fire Department.

Grove 6073 President Margie Rider is shown presenting the "Woman of Woodcraft Award" to Margie Franklin.

Camp Past President Harry Ranson is shown presenting the Conservation Award to Robert McClenny for his outstanding work in promoting conservaiton.

Camp 71 Escort Floyd Fleshman is shown as he presented the Outstanding Citizenship Award to Ray Noble for his loyal and devoted services to the people of Appomattox County.

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Thanksgiving passed off with pretty weather.

Dark tobacco market will open Tuesday. Growers are dissatisfied over the floor space booking problems, especially on the Lynchburg market.

A sad note hit our community on Tuesday afternoon when news came that our beloved friend, Julian Glover of Crewe passed away suddenly at his home. He was a brother-in-law of Mrs. Clarence Richardson and Mrs. Flora Dickerson of Pamplin.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson Dickerson of Brookneal called to see his sister, Mrs. Elsie Ranson and sister-in-law, Mrs. Flora Dickerson of Pamplin on Tuesday afternoon.

Glad to hear Rev. R. T. Smith is back home from the hospital.

Herbert Goin arrived Wednesday night from Tenn. to be here for the funeral of his sister's husband, Julian Glover of Crewe on Friday.

A number went to the funeral home at Blackstone on Thursday night.

A few visitors were here for the supper and Thanksgiving service at Rocks on Wednesday night.

Miss Grace Moore and friend of West Virginia arrived on Tuesday afternoon to visit the former's brother, W. R. Moore and sister-in-law for Thanksgiving.

Friday and Saturday all Associational officers will be attending a workshop at Eagle Eyrie.

Mrs. Clara Garrett of Evergreen spent a few days with Mr. and Mrs. Toby Inge last week.

Miss Grace Moore and friend left Friday for their home in West Virginia after being here for Thanksgiving.

Mrs. Elsie Ranson went back to the doctor in Lynchburg for a check up on Wednesday. Glad she is doing well.

Aileen Baldwin will go to the doctor in Lynchburg Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Frank Ranson had their children away to visit them during Thanksgiving.

Christmas play practice will begin at Rocks this Sunday at 4 p.m. and each Sunday through Dec. 16th.

The BYW's had their meeting with Cindy Roach on Monday night.

The Prayer Time Circle had their meeting with Odelle Ranson on Tuesday afternoon.

The Rocks Extension Homemakers Club Christmas Party and exchange of gifts will meet with Rachel Ranson on December 6th at 7:30 p.m.

Week of Prayer for Foreign Missions is almost here, Dec. 2-9. Our goal is a large one. It can be reached if each one will part in the giving.

Sorry to hear Brandy Michelle Webb is back in the hospital for the 3rd time. A speedy recovery is wished her.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Harry W. Ranson who celebrated their 42nd Wedding Anniversary on November 24th.

A large number attended the funeral of Julian Glover at Blackstone on Friday afternoon. Sympathy is extended the family of these loved ones.

Rocks baptizing will be held at Evergreen Baptist Church on December 2nd at 2 p.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Taylor and Sarah Browning of Lynchburg spent a few days with his parents, Rev. and Mrs. A. M. Taylor of Pamplin.

Tommy Harris of Georgia arrived Saturday afternoon to spend a while with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Harris.

Cassie Baldwin

Concord Young Homemakers Club

Concord Young Homemakers Club held its Nov. meeting in the F.H.A. Dept. at Rustburg High School.

Mrs. Maude Braford, Advisor, showed films on Furniture Care and finishing.

The club made plans to attend the Area Young Homemakers convention at Holiday Inn, in Lynchburg, Va. on Nov. 15th.

Evelyn Perrow of the Concord Chapter is Area President, and will preside over the evening meeting. Those attending from the Concord Y.H.M. Club will be Evelyn Perrow, Marie Perrow, Helen Franklin, Kathleen Robinson, Barbara Metzs, Maude Braford, Evelyn Carroll, Hazel Robinson, and Barbara Jordan.

The Club will have a family night supper in Nov.

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